

HB 143 -- Utility Rates in the City of Arnold

Sponsor: McCaherty

This bill allows the City of Arnold to create a utility board or a public nonprofit utility corporation to review and establish utility rates and fees to be charged by the city for storm water, sewer, trash, or other utility services that the city council deems to be in the best interests of the city. Criteria for service on the utility board or the utility corporation board and their powers are specified in the bill. Rates and fees for utility services remain in effect until they are changed by the appropriate board after a public hearing with proper notice is held.

If a public nonprofit utility corporation is created, it must assume responsibility for the management, operation, maintenance, and provision of the utility services that have been designated by the city council to be under its jurisdiction. The corporation is empowered to hire staff and contract with independent operators or with the city to provide the utility services. The city may charge the corporation reasonable fees to reimburse the city for specified expenses.